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BDA to penalise owners of plots that remain vacant for three years after purchase. With higher penalties, move is too harsh on owners who face genuine unforeseen delays, say citizens

SUDDEN TWIST IN THE PLOT

Penalties set at 25% of land's guidance value

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Many buyers acquire Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) sites as investments. They do not immediately start construction work, leaving the plots vacant. However, the BDA has decided to go stricter and reduced the number of years that the plot can stay vacant before it attracts a penalty to three years from the previous five years.

This measure aims to address the issue of vast amounts of vacant land, as numerous layouts were developed with the intention of fostering residential growth, but many plots have remained empty for years.

Previously, there was a five-year deadline to build a house on an allotted site. This has now been shortened to three years, with penalties set at 25% of the land's guidance value for non-compliance. The increase in the penalty from the previous 10% fine reflects the BDA's effort to deter speculative holding of plots.

The new regulation is intended to ensure that sites are developed

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FILE PHOTO

"Construction timelines are influenced by various factors including financial constraints, market conditions, and the availability of construction resources. Imposing such stringent deadlines without accounting for these variables is unrealistic

— Ankit Kumar, BDA plot owner

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Traffic police plan to sort out congestion issues by making use of best technology available

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Turns out govt agencies are the major defaulters by not paying their BWSSB bills on time

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Bengaluru, street food lovers' paradise

From regional delights to quirky snacks to comfort meals, street food scene in city has something for everyone

Bengaluru's love affair with street food is reaching new heights as the city's culinary scene continues to evolve. The vibrant streets are now home to a delightful array of street food stalls that offer a feast for the senses. From spicy, crispy bajji to the comforting taste of upma, Bengalureans are rediscovering the joy of eating on the go, with an ever-growing appreciation for the diverse flavors that street food offers.

A culinary adventure

The food streets have become a hotspot for food lovers, drawing in crowds eager to explore the many dishes on offer. The festival is a true celebration of

Bengaluru's rich culinary heritage, showcasing a wide variety of street food classics and regional specialties. As you wander through the bustling lanes of the festival, the aroma of freshly fried bajji and bonda fills the air, tempting you to stop for a taste. "I come here every weekend just for the crispy bajji. It's perfectly spiced, and the chutney they serve with it is simply divine. The bajji and bonda stalls are always crowded, with people eagerly waiting to get their hands on these delicious snacks", said Arjun K, a college student.

The food street features a range of favourites, from the savoury dosas, idli-vada, and upma, to the tangy chaat that leaves your taste buds tingling. "The dosas here remind me of my grandmother's cooking. They're soft, with just the right amount of crispiness on the edges," said Meena Gowda, a homemaker. For those with a sweet tooth, the festival doesn't disappoint. Chaats, rich badam milk, creamy kulfi, and refreshing ice cream are all on the menu. "I never leave without having a plate of Chintamani chaats and a glass of badam milk. It's a must-try for anyone visiting," recommends Suresh, who has been attending the festival since its inception.

Regional delights and unique snacks

Bengaluru has a lot of street food delicacies on offer. For example, Obbattu, Chintamani chaats and Mulbagal dosa are particular crowd favourites, offering a taste of Karnataka's diverse culinary traditions. "The Mulbagal dosa here is outstanding. It's stuffed with a delicious potato filling and served with a spicy chutney that you can't resist," says Priya, a food blogger who frequently covers Bengaluru's food scene. In addition to these regional delights, the food streets also offer some innovative snacks that are gaining popularity. The potato twister, a spiral-cut potato that's deep-fried and seasoned with various spices, and the onion blooms, a deep-fried onion dish, are both attracting a lot of attention. "The potato twister is a fun and tasty snack. It's crunchy, flavourful, and perfect for sharing with friends," says Ravi, a college student.

The variety, affordability, and sheer joy of eating street food have captured the hearts of Bengalureans, who are eager to embrace this growing trend. Whether you're a seasoned street food enthusiast or a newcomer looking to explore, Bengaluru's street food scene promises a culinary adventure like no other.

Tech takes on city's traffic issues

Adaptive green signals, real-time monitoring and more measures aim to ease congestion

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The city's traffic management system is poised for a significant overhaul with the integration of AI-driven technologies, such as Adaptive Green Signals. Expected to be fully implemented within the next 18 months, this cutting-edge system is aimed at optimising traffic flow by dynamically adjusting signal timings based on real-time traffic data.

This approach aims to alleviate the congestion that plagues one of India's fastest-growing cities by adjusting green light durations according to vehicle density at intersections, thereby reducing waiting times and easing traffic bottlenecks.

Traffic monitoring

The city uses high-tech monitoring systems to enforce traffic regulations. Key components of this include the Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS) cameras, which consist of Red Light Violation Detection (RLVD) and Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras.

RLVD cameras are instrumental in capturing red light violations and other traffic offences, including helmetless riding, triple riding, crossing stop lines, signal jumping, seat belt non-compliance, mobile phone use while driving, and speeding.

Currently, the city is equipped with 80 RLVD cameras and 250 ANPR cameras distributed across 50 major junctions.

These cameras facilitate the identification and penalisation of offenders by accurately reading vehicle number plates. Despite their effectiveness, occasional errors in number plate recognition occur.

To address this issue, a team reviews captured data.

Body-worn cameras

Every traffic police officer in Bengaluru is now equipped with a body-worn camera. These devices, which have an eight-hour battery life, have proven crucial in fostering transparency and building public trust. Prior to the introduction of body-worn cameras, misunderstandings and conflicts between the public and police often escalated, sometimes resulting in physical altercations. The presence of these cameras has mitigated such issues by providing an objective record of interactions.

M N Anucheth, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic), highlighted the benefits of this technology:

"With the advent of AI, traffic police can manage their work more efficiently and perform their duties better. Body-worn cameras help ensure transparency and accountability. If any allegations arise, whether related to corruption or a lack of transparency, we can always review the footage to verify the facts.

If the camera wasn't on, it often means the claims are unfounded. This technology also changes our behaviour, promoting accountability. It has helped us overcome various challenges like locating tree falls, managing traffic congestion, or identifying waterlogged areas quickly, allowing us to respond immediately and prioritize critical locations.

While it hasn't completely eliminated traffic issues, it has significantly improved our ability to address them more promptly in many areas."

Control room

In the control room, 25 traffic officials work in two shifts to oversee and manage traffic across the city. From this room, traffic monitors and AI systems continuously evaluate traffic patterns, detect violations, and coordinate responses in real time.

KIADB case: ED seizes Rs 1.5 crore in cash

Digital devices, Rs 1.5 crore in cash and documents were seized following searches carried out in a money-laundering case linked to an alleged fraud in land acquired by the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) for projects like the Hubli airport and IIT-Dharwad, the ED said on Tuesday.

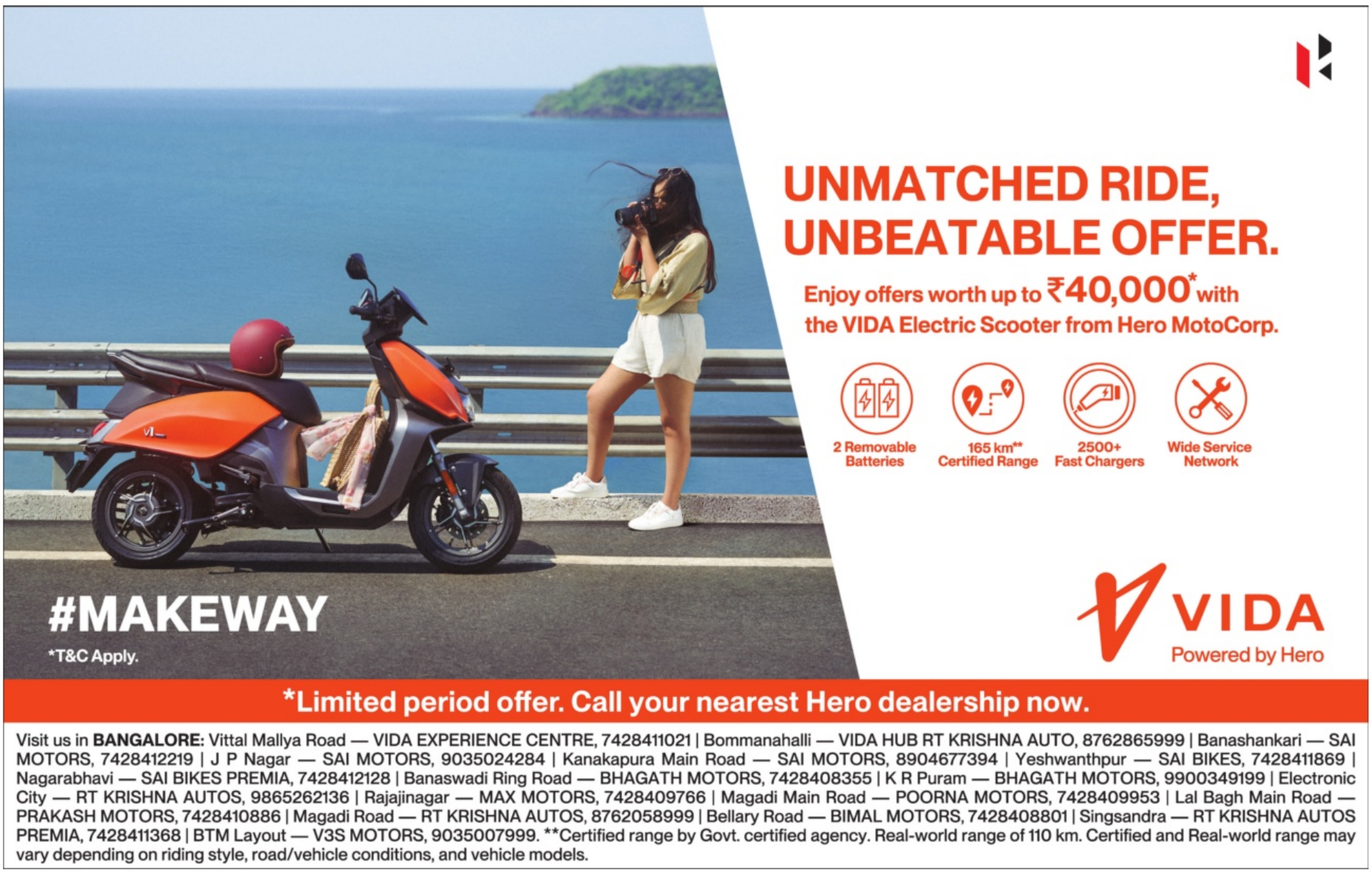
The raids were carried out on August 9-10 at a dozen premises in Bengaluru and Dharwad, including at the KIADB head office in Bengaluru and zonal office in Dharwad.

The money-laundering case stems from an FIR lodged by the Vidyagiri police station in Dharwad under various Indian Penal Code (IPC) sections against "main accused" V D Sajjan (a former special land acquisition officer of the KIADB-Dharwad) and others. The police case was later transferred to the CID, Dharwad.

It was alleged in the FIR and chargesheet that Sajjan and other KIADB-Dharwad officials conspired with land brokers and sanctioned an amount of Rs 19.99 crore to seven individuals on the pretext of compensation for land acquisition.

However, these individuals were compensated previously, thus causing loss to the government exchequer, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) said.

It alleged that it was found that a total amount of Rs 72.55 crore was siphoned off using the said modus operandi even as it was detected that this was done prior to Sajjan's tenure. **PTI**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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Food feast

Calling all foodies in the city! Vijay Karnataka and Bangalore Mirror, along with Vega City Mall, create a delightful food festival for the residents of Bengaluru to experience the taste of VV Puram Food Street. All foodies are invited to come and enjoy mouth-watering delicacies. **Where: Vega City Mall, BTM Layout; When: August 15 to 18, 11 am to 10 pm**

02 Art tribute

Immerse yourself in a solo show that honours the extraordinary life and artistic journey of Bharath Rajpal. Born in 1980 in Bangalore, Bharath's incandescent talent and fervent passion for drawing and painting set him apart from an early age. This tribute is not just a celebration of his genius but also an inspiration for future generations to dream, create, and break free from constraints. **Where: Dwija Art Gallery, Residency Road; When: Until August 18**

03 Family activity

Join in for a fun-filled family date where kids (ages 6–12) can learn magic tricks with a "Magic Workshop" by magician Nikhil Raj, while adults can dive into the art of clowning with a "Clowning Workshop" by Ronak Sharma and learn techniques to relieve stress and embrace laughter addiction in the entire family. This event promises to be a memorable experience for all ages, fostering creativity, laughter, and family bonding. **Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar**
When: August 17, 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Plan to address gender gaps in mobility kicks off in B'luru

Using data, working together with authorities, 'MobiliseHER' seeks to identify gender gaps, improve gender equity in transportation

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Aiming to catalyse the development of gender-responsive mobility systems in the city, the 'MobiliseHER' initiative was launched on Tuesday at a convening held at Vikasa Soudha organised by Karnataka Urban Development Department (UDD) and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) in collaboration with the European Union and WRI India.

MobiliseHER, a multi-partner initiative funded by the European Union, will be implemented in the three Indian cities of Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, and Kochi. Using data as a tool, it is aiming to raise awareness about gender differences in mobility patterns and identify gender gaps in existing mobility infrastructure and services. The initiative will involve working closely with civil society organisations and government authorities to build capacity and support the adoption, implementation, and institutionalisation of gender-responsive mobility solutions.

Women utilising the benefits of the Shakti scheme (file photo)

"The population in Bengaluru has increased by 50 per cent over the last decade, and this growth has created challenges in making this city more inclusive and equitable. We need a collective effort from all stakeholders to make MobiliseHER more participative. I hope this initiative will generate practical solutions that can benefit the administration and create a more inclusive city," said Umashankar SR (IAS), Additional Chief Secretary of UDD and Administrator of BBMP.

Reasoning behind initiative

Home to over 14 million people, Bengaluru is a significant contributor to Karnataka's GDP and is the fourth largest technology cluster in the world. The transport sector is a key driver of this economic growth. With a female workforce participation rate of just 24 per cent in 2024, recognising diverse mobility needs and fostering accessibility for all genders and communities is key to equitable growth.

NV Prasad (IAS), Secretary to Government, Transport Department, said, "Empowering women to travel, through initiatives like the Shakti scheme, is a critical step towards their overall empowerment, and our goal is to increase modal share to ensure women have the freedom to travel for both work and leisure."

Other ongoing initiatives in the city, focused on shaping climate resilience and liveability, were also highlighted at the event.

Inclusive transport

Tushar Giri Nath (IAS), Chief Commissioner, BBMP, said, "Bengaluru is growing rapidly. The MobiliseHER initiative will be crucial in ensuring that we enhance mobility for all, particularly for women. A city that prioritises safety and inclusivity for women ultimately becomes safer for everyone."

Claudia López Hernández, former mayor of Bogotá, Harvard 2024 ALI Fellow, and Advisor to WRI, said, "The prospects for development in the Global South are deeply intertwined with the empowerment of women. Beyond mass transit networks, we need to provide care centres and training opportunities that recognise and support unpaid care work. The lessons we've learned in Bogota could be critical in Bengaluru's journey, helping India achieve its full potential on the global stage."

Pawan Mulukutla, Executive Director-Integrated Transport, Clean Air and Hydrogen, WRI India, added, "Making transport systems inclusive is the need of the hour. Women constitute nearly half of India's population, and 90 per cent of caregiving is done by women, which deeply influences mobility patterns. The MobiliseHER initiative aims to address this by incorporating a gender lens into transport planning and governance through participatory approaches."

Traffic cops pick up spades to clear silt at Kodathi Gate

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The common perception of traffic police often paints them with a broad brush of harassment, bribery, and negligence. Yet, there are dedicated officers who strive to challenge this stereotype with their extraordinary commitment and hard work to ensure smooth and efficient traffic flow.

Assistant Sub-Inspector (Traffic) Shabana and Head Police Constable Bandenamaj Nadaf, both under the Whitefield Traffic Police Station, are shining examples of such dedication. On Monday morning, they mitigated traffic issues at Kodathi Gate, not with typical enforcement actions but with spades in hand, removing silt and debris from a clogged roadside drain. After six hours of cleaning, they further assisted in loading a tractor with the collected debris. "I consider ensuring the smooth movement of vehicles my responsibility. I took two spades and mortar pans from the residents and began clearing the area," ASI Shabana said.

Appreciating the duo, Whitefield Traffic Police Inspector Manjunath said, "The road is known for potholes and craters. ASI Shabana has been working hard to make the road motorable." Their efforts have received appreciation and commendation from activists and residents. "She did this despite it not being her responsibility. Hence, her work is appreciated," said KG Prasad, ASI of Bellandur Police Station. Prasanth Palakkadiyil, a resident of Singasandra, said that ASI Shabana demonstrated the holistic qualities needed for a person in uniform. Satish Rao, a social worker from Indiranagar, said, "In this instance, it would appear to be the responsibility of the local panchayath or the public works department (PWD). In such circumstances, it shows the callous attitude of the concerned department towards doing its work. While commending the police officer for her dedication, it is also imperative that the responsible departments are pulled up for dereliction of duty," Rao said.

Voicing similar opinions, Jagadeesh Reddy of Varthur Rising added, "I observe many traffic police employing themselves in civil works, which indicates failure on the part of civic administration." Vinod Jacob of the Namma Bengaluru Foundation said the traffic police are always on the ground. "The PWD has to maintain the roads; we have Smart City projects built with crores of taxpayers' money only to be destroyed in one monsoon season," he added.

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Govt agencies lead in BWSSB payment delays

Large unpaid bills have piled up, with highest amounts outstanding from State; officials plan One-Time Settlement scheme to recover significant arrears

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Workers installing BWSSB drinking water pipes (File Photo)

Several government agencies are turning into defaulters by not paying their Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board bills on time, leading to significant pending amounts. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) alone has 493 connections with a pending amount of ₹23.14 crore. The Central Government has 194 connections, with ₹25.70 crore due, while the Defense Department owes ₹35.99 crore for its 46 connections. The State Government has the highest pending amount, with ₹287.91 crore outstanding across 658 connections.

Statutory bodies also contribute to the unpaid bills, with 154 connections amounting to ₹10.48 crore. Additionally, other entities have 4,960 connections with a staggering ₹480.07 crore yet to be paid. In total, there are 4,97,000 connections with a cumulative pending amount of ₹663.32 crore.

A senior BWSSB official said, "The BWSSB is considering implementing a One-Time Settlement (OTS) scheme, similar to the BBMP model, to collect pending water bills from defaulters. The Board has decided to submit a proposal to the government in this regard. The OTS scheme will allow defaulters to pay the pending water bills in full, and the interest on the pending amount will be waived. The proposal will be submitted to the government for approval. The scheme will help the BWSSB to collect the pending amount and improve its revenue."

> **"BWSSB is considering implementing a One-Time Settlement scheme to collect pending water bills from defaulters** – Official

Meanwhile, the state government has extended the deadline for the One-Time Settlement (OTS) scheme for property tax defaulters to September 30. Initially launched by the BBMP, the OTS scheme allows property tax defaulters to settle their dues in a single payment, offering a 50% waiver on penalties and a full waiver on interest. The scheme was originally set to end on July 31, but due to a lacklustre response, the deadline has been extended.

The OTS scheme targeted 4.11 lakh properties with pending taxes, aiming to collect ₹956.09 crore. However, during the initial period, only 1.14 lakh properties paid a total of ₹380 crore in taxes. This leaves 3.04 lakh properties still owing ₹831.53 crore in unpaid taxes. The extension comes in response to requests from various organisations and tax defaulters, who urged the BBMP and the government to allow more time for settlement. The BBMP had also submitted a proposal to extend the deadline to September 30, which has now been approved by the government.

Sewage and road repair issues plague HBR Layout

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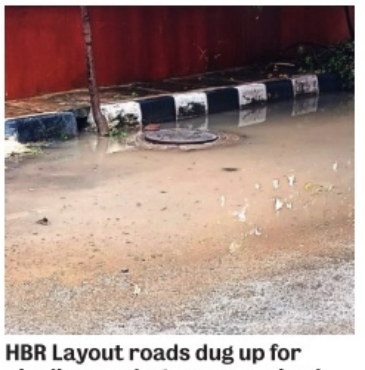
Residents of HBR Layout, particularly on 6th Main, 9th Cross, and 3rd Block, are struggling with unresolved civic issues, leading to growing frustration. The area is experiencing severe waterlogging, blocked sewage chambers, and troubling contamination of Cauvery water with sewage. Additionally, roads dug up for pipeline work remain unrepaired, worsening the living conditions.

The biggest concern for residents is the contamination of their water supply with sewage. Two weeks ago, they discovered that their taps were dispensing black, foul-smelling sewage water instead of clean Cauvery water. This alarming situation prompted residents to take action themselves. "Two weeks ago, residents of 6th Main, 9th Cross, 3rd Block, HBR Layout woke up to see the taps of their houses running with black sewage water. Sumps filled with sewage water had to be removed and cleaned by the residents themselves. They had to spend ₹2,000 to ₹4,000 to clean their sumps and overhead tanks," said a resident, Vikram Mailar Vijay.

Residents report that they frequently face sewage water contamination every month or two. Despite numerous complaints, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has been unable to identify or resolve the root cause of the problem. "BWSSB was unable to determine the source of the issue. Every month or two, our residents have to repeat these steps as the sewage water issue is not being resolved. The public is losing patience because this can't keep happening to just one road in the whole block," added Vijay. The unresolved sewage issue is compounded by the poor state of the roads. The roads were dug up for pipeline work several months ago but have not been repaired, leaving them in a deplorable condition. This has made daily commuting a challenge, with residents having to navigate through damaged and uneven roads.


HBR Layout roads dug up for pipeline work stay unrepaired

In addition to these problems, the residents are also grappling with an insufficient water supply. "BWSSB on the other hand provides 1,000 to 2,000 litres of water, which is not sufficient for apartments or houses with multiple families," Vijay pointed out. The frustrated residents are now seeking an audience with their local Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA). They are calling for an urgent meeting with officials from all concerned departments to address these pressing issues and work towards a permanent resolution. "The public would like to meet the MLA and would like to have an all-department meeting with officials present together and work on the resolution," Vijay emphasised.

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Asphalt absent
Indiranagar

The 11th Main in Indiranagar 2nd Stage, heading towards Indiranagar Jain College, hasn't been asphalted for over four years. It's full of potholes, leading to waterlogging during rain, which makes it very difficult to navigate.

Stench scene
Mahalakshmi Layout

The area near Modi Eye Hospital and BWSSB in Mahalakshmipuram is full of garbage and old vehicles used for urination. It is causing issues for the nursing home and residents.

Road woes
Silver County Road

The condition of Silver County Road at Vinayaka Layout, which was freshly asphalted six months ago, has already deteriorated.

‘Peace-maker’ gets caught in nasty tiff between 2 organisations

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City organisation goes to Haveri to sort out issues between 2 groups, but now allegedly faces abuse and threats

A city-based organisation working for sexual minorities has got caught in the crossfire of a tiff between two organisations that work for sexual minorities and sex workers in Haveri. It is alleged that Sanjeevini, a community of sexual minorities, and Spandana, a community of female sex workers, in Haveri, had a fallout, and when Sangama, the city-based organisation, tried to sort the issue out, they started being targeted.

It is alleged that a transgender woman leader of Sanjeevini intervened in the financial and administrative issues of Spandana.

The woman also allegedly attacked some of Spandana’s board members.

Sangama employees said that ever since they tried to help, they have been bombarded with abusive and threatening WhatsApp messages from some members of Spandana. Two members of Sangama visited Haveri on August 9 to resolve the issue, it is said.

“We were set to leave Haveri on August 10. We received information about the woman allegedly attacking a few members of Sanjeevini community at 2.30 pm on August 10. We visited the Sanjeevini office with police officers and met the woman. She threatened to lodge a complaint against us,” said Mahesh Patil.

Nisha Gulur, a programme manager at Sangama, said that Sangama does not have anything to do with what happened in Haveri.

“We are not interested in this dispute. Let the victims approach the police or compromise with the alleged accused. The threatening WhatsApp messages have become a nuisance for us,” said Gulur.

When contacted, Mohamad Naregal, an activist, said that he was compelled to send such a message out of pain and anguish. “I rescued the woman they have accused from ending her life near Kali River and brought her home,” said Naregal.

Mallappa Kumbar, an activist for sexual minorities, said that he sent a WhatsApp message about how Sangama’s “partial approach” has made him a victim in Haveri.

“I sent a message that I would come to Sangama in Bengaluru to discuss the issue,” said Kumbar.

Meanwhile, Sangama, in a statement, condemned the threats of violence and appealed to people to stop these “acts of psychological warfare” on people related to Sangama.

Trial court may release vehicle seized in drug case

High Court affirms authority to release vehicle till final disposal of main case while granting petition filed by owner of vehicle seized by Excise Range Office

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A vehicle carrying narcotic drugs seized by police (file photo)

The Karnataka High Court has affirmed that the trial court possesses the authority to release a vehicle from interim custody under Sections 451 and 457 of the Criminal Procedure Code until the final disposal of the main case filed under the provisions of the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropics Substances Act (NDPS).

Justice K Natarajan, in a single judge bench ruling, made this decision while granting a petition filed by the registered owner of a vehicle that was seized by the Excise Range Office after the drivers were arrested for possessing contraband. The owner had initially filed an application under Section 457 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) before the Special Court for interim custody of the vehicle, which was denied. Subsequently, another application was submitted to the Drugs Disposal Committee (DCC), which also did not grant permission.

The prosecution argued against the plea, stating that releasing the vehicle could lead to the petitioner using it for committing further offences, absconding, or selling it, which would hinder the proceedings. The bench referred to a previous division bench judgement, which extensively held that the court has the power to release properties as per the Central Government’s notification dated January 16, 2015.

The court noted that although the earlier notification had been repealed, there was no clarification regarding the release of vehicles for interim custody in the new notification on December 23, 2022. The court held that the division bench’s judgement in the aforementioned case remains applicable even to the present notification. Therefore, the Special Court/Magistrate has the power to release the vehicle in question for interim custody under Sections 451 and 457 of CrPC, and the owner shall defend and prove that the vehicle was used without their knowledge by the person transporting the drugs.

HC denies recall of witness presented after 6 years

The High Court has dismissed a petition filed by Stanly Kirthiraj, who challenged the trial court’s order rejecting his application to recall witnesses six years after their evidence was recorded. Justice M Nagaprasanna, presiding over the single-judge bench, stated, “The case forms a classic illustration of one such action being initiated only to drag the proceedings, as the petitioner has filed an application under Section 311 of CrPC, after six years of the examination getting over.”

The case against the petitioner was registered in 2009 for offences punishable under Sections 408, 468, and 420 of the Indian Penal Code. The court framed charges on March 3, 2016, and the recording of evidence from the complainant and other witnesses concluded in 2017. However, on December 18, 2023, the petitioner filed an application under Section 311 of the CrPC, seeking to recall a witness for further cross-examination.

> **“The Special Court/ Magistrate has the power to release the vehicle under Sections 451 and 457 of CrPC**
> –High Court Bench

Upon reviewing the trial court’s order sheet, the bench observed that the petitioner had repeatedly sought adjournments in a case that began in 2009. The trial remains unconcluded, despite the passage of 15 years. The bench held that the trial court’s finding cannot be faulted, but the petitioner’s action undoubtedly needs to be criticised. Consequently, the petition was dismissed.

IN BRIEF

Techie missing: Wife seeks help on social media

A Bengaluru woman has turned to social media in a desperate attempt to find her husband, Vipin Gupta, who went missing on August 4. In a Facebook Live broadcast, Sriparna pleaded for help, stating that her husband had no known addictions and was financially stable.

Gupta, a techie originally from Lucknow, disappeared after leaving his home at 12:44 pm. He was last seen riding his green Kawasaki bike near Hebbal. Shortly after his disappearance, Rs 1.8 lakh was withdrawn from his bank, and his phone was switched off. Sriparna filed a missing person report at Kodigehalli station. However, she alleges the police initially refused to register her complaint and only filed the first information report (FIR) on August 6 after she repeatedly appealed to them.

She reached out to officials, including the ACP and DCP. During a meeting with DCP Sanjeet VJ North East at Amrutahalli station on August 9, Sriparna claimed the DCP shouted at her when she voiced her concerns.

Following her plea on social media, police have stated that they are reviewing CCTV footage. —BMB

Bus rams into vehicles on Hebbal flyover

A BMTC Volvo bus driver lost control and collided with multiple vehicles on the Hebbal flyover on Monday morning, injuring a motorcyclist and damaging several cars. The bus, travelling from the airport to HSR Layout, caused a significant traffic disruption. Fortunately, no fatalities were reported.

According to the Hebbal Traffic Police, CCTV footage from the bus captured the entire incident, showing the driver appearing disoriented while the conductor hurried to stop the vehicle. The driver, who sustained a fractured leg, was detained by the police. Investigations are ongoing to determine the cause of the accident, including whether the driver was intoxicated.

A BMTC official said the accident occurred at approximately 9:25 am, involving a bus en route from the International Airport to HSR Layout.

—BMB

Restore damaged crest gate in 3-4 days: CM tells officials

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday said he has asked officials and experts to fix within three to four days the damaged crest gate of Tungabhadra reservoir so that water from expected rains can be stored.

After inspecting the dam, he also assured that there is no need for farmers to worry. "I'm confident that Tungabhadra dam will be filled once again and I will come to offer 'Bagina' (traditional thanksgiving to the river). No politics on this issue."

One of the crest gates (19th gate) of the Tungabhadra reservoir in Koppal district was washed away after its chain link snapped on Friday midnight, following which the downstream areas were put on alert, as a huge quantity of water was being released.

"We were releasing water through ten gates, which included the 19th gate. The 19th gate got washed away after its chain link snapped...we have consulted dam safety experts and the repair works are on. Based on the advice of experts, the Tungabhadra Board will take appropriate decisions," Siddaramaiah told reporters.

He assured that there won't be any problem for farmers in the three states -- Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, who have sown crops, as water is flowing through all the canals and there will be any damage to crops. "There is no need for farmers to worry." **PTI**

Post-mortem reports of 50% jumbo death cases not available

Directive issued in 2022 to make details of death public within 24 hours of confirmation by authorities

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For higher transparency and credibility, the Information Communication and Technology (ICT) wing of the state forest department is expected to upload all information related to the death of wild elephants, including post-mortem reports.

The head of the forest department, in January 2022 had issued a directive to the wing to make details of elephant deaths public within 24 hours of confirmation by authorities.

However, post-mortem reports of nearly 50% of elephant mortality cases are unavailable.

Between January 2021 and June 2024, 286 elephant deaths were recorded by the Karnataka Forest Department (KFD), owing to various natural and unnatural causes. However, the post-mortem report is available for only 147 deaths.

The directive was issued by HOF consequent to an appeal made by a wildlife conservationist.

In a letter written to the then Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, the conservationist had highlighted recommendations by the Elephant Task Force, which was

constituted by the High Court of Karnataka for the protection and conservation of elephants. ETF, over a decade ago, had recommended that KFD create a separate section on its website on which post-mortem reports can be recorded and displayed.

Although this recommendation was accepted by the State Government, it never got implemented. Following ETF's recommendation, another circular was issued from the HOF office in September 2013 wherein directions were given to the Field Officers that the post-mortem reports of wildlife species targeted for wildlife trade be put up on the department's website within 24 hours of post-mortem along with the report and a close-up and long-shot images of the targeted wildlife species.

The conservationist, in the appeal, had requested the then PCCF to issue fresh directions to the Field Officers to disclose the details of the deaths of wild animals by uploading the post-mortem reports and images in the public domain.

Experts say this would also help the forest department in gaining support for the cause of wildlife conservation.

Discrepancy

The reports available on the website have been uploaded after considerable delay and a couple of them have ambiguities too, said a city-based activist.

"As per one of the recent reports on the electrocution of an elephant, while the death occurred in December 2023, the report has been uploaded in June 2024. Moreover, the cause of death mentioned in the post-mortem document and the department's website do not match," said the activist on condition of anonymity.

"The directive was issued in 2022 and the reports should have been uploaded. We will look into the matter and get the reports published soon," said a senior official from KFD.

New rule aims to tackle issue of vacant plots turning into eyesores

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rather than left idle for investment purposes. Additionally, neglected plots have become eyesores, with waste dumping and overgrown vegetation creating habitats for pests. The BDA has given extensions to some allottees to address these issues before enforcing the new penalties. The authority is working on creating awareness and plans to enforce the new rule more rigorously in the near future.

An official said, "Previously, fines for not building within five years ranged from Rs 5,000 for a 600 sq ft plot to Rs 6 lakh for plots larger than 4,000 sq ft. Now, with over 70,000 vacant plots across 64 layouts, the increased penalty aims to compel development and curb speculative practices. Ownership disputes are pending for over 20,000 of these plots."

Selling restriction

In a related change, the BDA had initially allowed plots to be sold immediately after registration, but this was restricted to a 10-year hold during the Arkavati Layout construction due to political opposition. This rule has since been relaxed, allowing plots to be sold at any time, though purchasers from the original allottees will incur an additional 25% penalty based on the guidance value. This measure is designed to discourage investment-driven transactions and ensure plots are used for their intended residential purposes.

Ankit Kumar, who owns a BDA plot, told BM that though the BDA's intention to encourage the development of allocated plots is understandable, the new three-year deadline for construction is unscientific and impractical. "The abrupt reduction from five years to three, coupled with a hefty 25% penalty, fails to consider the real challenges faced by plot owners. Construction timelines are influenced by various factors including financial constraints, market conditions, and the availability of construction resources. Imposing such stringent deadlines without accounting for these variables is unrealistic and does not accommodate the diverse circumstances of plot owners. Moreover, the increased penalty might deter potential buyers, impacting the real estate market further," Kumar said.

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The decision to enforce this penalty without providing adequate time for property owners to plan and execute their construction is more punitive than corrective, he said. "Instead of fostering development, this approach could lead to unnecessary legal disputes and financial strain for individuals who genuinely intend to build but are faced with unforeseen delays," he said.

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'Will this degree lead to a job?'

... Is the wrong question. Here's what you should ask instead

It is the season of university open days and study decisions for Year 12 students.

As an academic, the question I get asked most by students and parents is, "will this degree lead to a job?".

It is understandable. However, it isn't necessarily the right question to ask as young people consider what course will suit them best. Focusing solely on immediate job prospects ("degree equals job") can limit the understanding of what university courses actually provide.

What is a degree for?

A degree isn't merely a gateway to employment, it's the foundation for a life of professional and personal development.

Students often begin a university course with a specific career path in mind, only to discover new interests that lead them in unexpected directions.

For example, a student might start a design degree dreaming of becoming a fashion designer, only to find the demands of the industry clash with their introverted nature. Instead, they might discover a passion for sustainable textiles, a field requiring meticulous material research.

Their design degree didn't lead to one end point, but gave them the opportunities to learn what they were really suited to, and the skills to pursue this.

Not about becoming an expert in one thing

University education is also not just about mastering a subject, it's about acquiring transferable skills, such as problem solving, communication and the ability to work in diverse situations with diverse people.

It is also about developing critical thinking and the ability to assess evidence. These skills can then be applied to many ideas and issues.

In today's unpredictable, technology-driven world, new jobs emerge quickly, while others fade away. A university degree should equip students with the adaptability to navigate these changes, rather than simply slotting into existing job categories.

So, instead of asking whether a degree will directly lead to a job, consider these following five questions.

1. What skills will I develop in this programme?
Creative degrees, for example, encourage critical thinking, creativity, technical skills, and the ability to articulate and present ideas, skills that are highly valued across many fields. An arts or health sciences degree may also encourage valuable critical thinking and research skills.

2. Are there opportunities for practical experience?
Look for courses that offer internships, industry projects and practical workshops. These experiences help students build professional networks and gain insights about what they really like (and don't like) about different types of work.

3. Will the course expose me to diverse cultural contexts?
Consider programmes that offer international exchange opportunities. These experiences can be transformative, broadening students' cultural perspectives and enhancing their sensitivity and awareness to diverse cultural environments. They also cultivate maturity and independence by challenging students to navigate unfamiliar environments with their peers.

4. How does this course encourage resilience and lifelong learning?
Seek out courses that emphasise creativity, experimentation, independent thinking and teach in hands-on learning environments. Such courses teach students to cope with change – a skill they will need in fast-evolving workplaces. It also prepare students for a lifetime of continuous learning, which is essential for sustained career growth and personal development.

5. What have recent graduates done with this degree?
Exploring the diverse paths of graduates can provide a realistic view of a degree's possibilities.

On open days, seek out workshops and current students and staff. Ask about further study options – do students in a certain course often need (or want) to do postgraduate study?

And remember

Whatever students choose to study it's important they do something they are truly interested in. Education can and should be enjoyable.

(By Cherine Fahd, University of Technology Sydney, The Conversation)

MIRRORLIGHTS

Feeling lack of purpose, personal growth could be early signal of dementia: Study

The feeling that one's life lacks purpose and that there are fewer opportunities for personal growth could be a very early sign of dementia, according to a study.

Researchers found that among older adults, these aspects of psychological wellbeing noticeably declined three to six years before a diagnosis of mild cognitive impairment, in which one's memory and thinking is affected, yet not to the extent that it interferes with their daily functioning.

Mild cognitive impairment is often seen to precede dementia, in which the symptoms become severe enough to interfere with daily activities.

The researchers, including those at China Agricultural University's Department of Nutrition and Health, said that while there is mounting evidence linking psychological well-being to brain ageing and related disorders, such as dementia, much of it focuses on the aspect of one's sense of purpose and not others, including personal growth.

For the study, published in the Journal of Neurology Neurosurgery and Psychiatry, the researchers followed 910 older adults in the US over 10 years.

The authors found that of the 910, about a third (265) developed mild cognitive impairment. Over a third of those 265 (89) went on to develop dementia, they said.

"Compared with (the) participants who remained cognitively intact, those who developed mild cognitive impairment had a lower level of purpose in life beginning 3 years before diagnosis and a lower level of personal growth beginning 6 years before diagnosis," the authors wrote.

They also found that over 75 per cent of whom were women, those who developed mild cognitive impairment were more likely to be older, weigh less and have lower levels of psychological well-being. — PTI

All you need to know about...

Nuts for health

Benefits
Various studies have associated nut consumption with a reduced risk of chronic diseases like diabetes, heart disease, and high blood pressure. Recently, a research study funded by the National Institutes of Health revealed that incorporating nuts into your diet, whether it's peanuts, walnuts, cashews, or almonds, can significantly improve heart health. When it comes to good fats, nuts are at the forefront. Rich in monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats, they provide essential fatty acids that support overall health.

Almonds
Renowned for their heart-healthy properties, almonds are packed with monounsaturated fats, fiber, and antioxidants. They have been shown to reduce LDL cholesterol levels and promote weight loss when consumed as part of a balanced diet.

Walnuts
With their unique omega-3 fatty acid content, walnuts offer potent anti-inflammatory effects and are beneficial for brain health. Including walnuts in your diet may improve cognitive function and support overall well-being.

Pistachios
These vibrant green nuts are not only delicious but also nutritious. Rich in protein, fiber, and antioxidants, pistachios help regulate blood sugar levels and promote gut health. Their low calorie and high protein content make them an excellent choice for weight management.

Cashews
Creamy and indulgent, cashews are a good source of healthy fats, protein, and minerals such as magnesium and zinc. They support heart health, aid in muscle recovery, and contribute to healthy skin and hair.

Peanuts
This locally grown nut contain antioxidants like resveratrol and vitamin E, which protect against cell damage and reduce inflammation. They also provide key vitamins and minerals such as magnesium, potassium, and B vitamins, supporting overall health and reducing the risk of chronic diseases.

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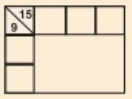
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

Half a crate of eggs holds half a dozen cartons, each of which holds half a dozen eggs. The truck just delivered a crate and a half. How many eggs were delivered?

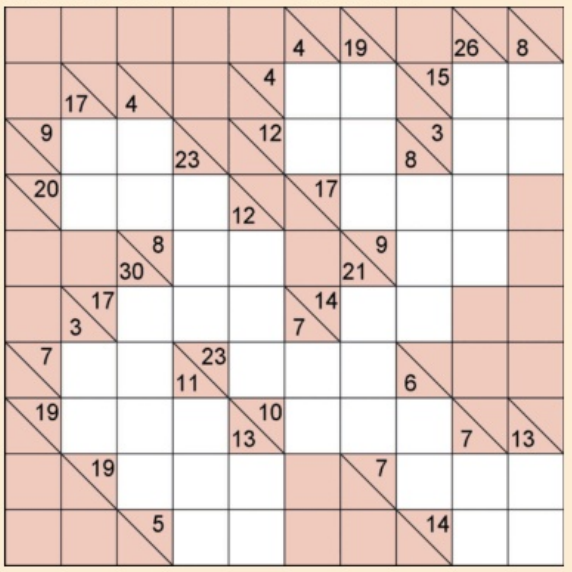
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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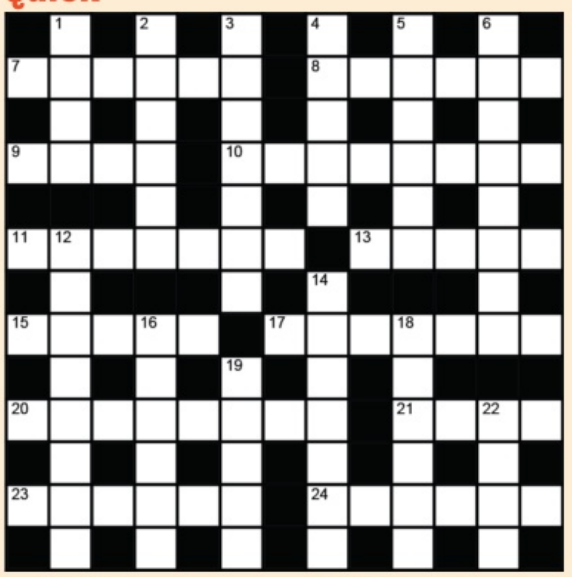


ACROSS

7 Elaborately decorated (6)
8 Daniel Defoe's Robinson ___ (6)
9 Taj Mahal locale (4)
10 Light mineral oil (8)
11 Gave counsel (7)
13 The book of maps (5)
15 Designs (5)
17 Advertising tunes (7)
20 Wave about or flourish (8)
21 India's ___ capital: Bangalore for sure (4)
23 Mess up (6)
24 See or observer (4,2)

DOWN

1 Sanctimonious type (4)
2 Italian sausage (6)
3 Places of worship (7)
4 Capital of Ghana (5)
5 Self-serve meal (6)
6 Ponder, meditate (8)
12 Feverish state (8)
14 In the correct manner? (7)
16 Period of immaturity (6)
18 A long-armed Asian ape (6)
19 Dossiers (5)
22 And others, in Latin (2,2)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: F EQUALS O

N REZY PYONPYP AF DANOC TNAR XFZY. REAY ND AFF KWYEA E MJWPYV AF MYEW.– LEWANV XJARYW CNVK IW

Linemaro

If you could see yourself with my eyes, you would realise how special you are to me

Mindchow

Kindness is a language the deaf can hear and the blind can see

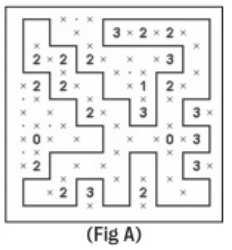
Joke of the day

The meal isn't over when I am full, the meal is over when I hate myself

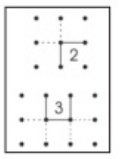
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



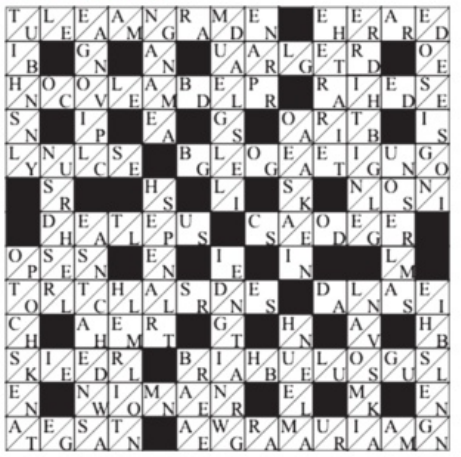
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9 F				

ACROSS

1 Id Bet; 6 Mean E;
7 Scups; 8 Raree;
9 Forte

DOWN

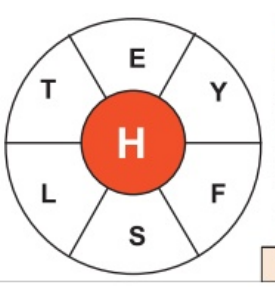
1 Faced; 2 Ree Nu;
3 Beets; 4 Primo;
5 Aster

Mensapuzzle

What is the missing number in the series below?

0 1 3 8 21 55 144 377 ?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; **06** Good; **08** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

					5	9	1	2
4		3		1			8	
5				7	2	6		
	7		9	5				6
9		8				1		4
6				3	8		2	
		7	4	8				5
	5			6		3		1
2	6	1	5					

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ = 10
3 5 7 9

Medium ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ = 10
3 4 5 7

Hard ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ = 9
3 4 6 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

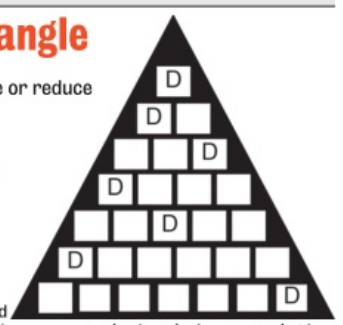
Differences: 1. Back of chair is different. 2. Box flap is missing. 3. Thumb is moved. 4. Briefcase handle is different. 5. Man in background is moved. 6. Woman's hair is longer.

Riddler

Which former Australian cricketer might LACK CAMEL HEIR?

Alpha triangle

1 Fourth letter
2 Prefix for remove or reduce
3 Scarlet
4 Cervine animal
5 More mature
6 Casino employee
7 Transmitted



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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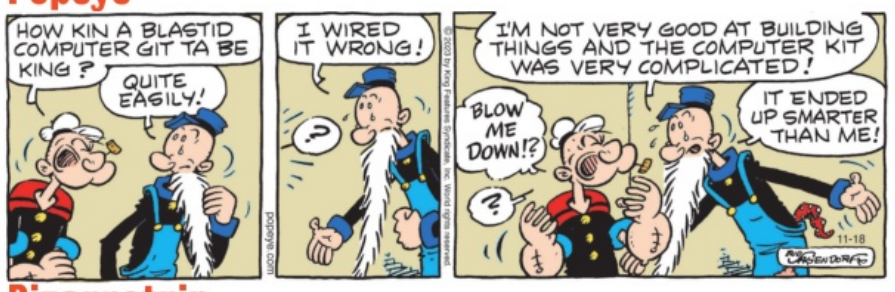
Popeye


HOW KIN A BLASTID COMPUTER GIT TA BE KING ?
QUITE EASILY!
I WIRED IT WRONG!
?
I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT BUILDING THINGS AND THE COMPUTER KIT WAS VERY COMPLICATED!
BLOW ME DOWN!?
?
IT ENDED UP SMARTER THAN ME!
11-18

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

I WENT TO KISS MY DATE GOODNIGHT, AND SHE HAD A BIG BUG ON HER FOREHEAD!
AND IT ONLY HAD ONE ANTENNA THING4!
FEELER?
NO, IT KIND OF KILLED THE MOOD!

Hart of the city

SIGH WHO SHOULD I AUDTION FOR...?
CAST LIST
SPONGE BOB SQUARE PANTS
PATRICK STAR
SANDY CHEEKS
SQUIDWARD TENTACLES
PLANKTON
IF YOU CAN DO A FRENCH ACCENT, YOU CAN BE PATCHY THE PIRATE.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU WOULD SUGGEST AN ENSEMBLE ROLE. I'M A LEAD.

Crankshaft

DON'T FORGET THAT WE'LL BE PLAYING TOMORROW NIGHT AT THE UKRAINIAN HALL FUND-RAISER FOR UKRAINE!
YOUR HUSBAND CERTAINLY LIKES TO KEEP BUSY!
HARRY NEVER REALLY RETIRED... HE JUST KEEPS GETTING REHIRED.
5-10
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you are blessed by the moon. You will plan to invest more capital into family business, which may increase your family business in the near future. You may expect to get some rewards on behalf of your social services. You may expect to hear some good news in your family, which may create a joyful environment in the family. You may also enjoy some delicious food.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may feel happy, your health is also good, which may give you inner strength and self confidence. Your subconscious mind may not allow you to manipulate the messy task. Your social prestige may likely be increased. With the help of your good karma, destiny may help you start some innovative task.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may be unhappy and disappointed. You are advised to control your arrogance, otherwise you may face some losses. You are advised to avoid long trips and avoid rash driving. You should keep yourself away from bay areas or oceans.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today there may be peace at mind. Your earnings may boost your financial health. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may enhance harmony in your family life. Singles may likely find suitable match. You may expect to get ample opportunities at work and you may notice some progress in your life.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may be able to implement your plans with the help of your strong network at work. You may likely get a big order with the help of your hard work. There may be some good understanding between you and your spouse, which may increase harmony in your domestic life. Your boss may appreciate your hard work.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon. Last few days' messy situation is under control. You may initiate your postponed works. With the blessing, you may get reward for your hard work. There are some gains in your business which may boost your financial health. You may encounter some unexpected opportunity, which may increase your business or work. You may also plan for an overseas travel.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may not feel well. You might have health issues, which may affect your profession and domestic life. You may likely be upset due to your spouse's health issues. Your patience may be tested many times. You are advised not to make investments in new business projects, otherwise you may face losses. Students are advised to avoid fantasy and should work hard in their studies.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you are blessed by the moon, you may be able to take quick decisions on the professional front. You may expect to get new opportunities in terms of business, which may boost your confidence level. You are likely to start some new innovation with the help of your business partner, which may increase your business in the near future.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you are blessed by a positive moon. You may feel healthy, chronic health issues may get cured now. Kids' health may be okay now. Money, which was stuck somewhere, may likely be recovered now. You may also repay your debts.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you are blessed by the moon, that may give you peace of mind. You may become decisive, so may grab an opportunity without a second thought. Past karma may help you sustain in any situation and show you the right path. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments. Job aspirants may likely get a suitable job with the help of friends.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may be dull. Detachment from responsibilities may make you upset. You may not be able to fulfil your commitments, which may affect your prestige. You may be a victim of arrogance. It may affect both your professional and domestic life. You may internally feel a lack of confidence, which may stop you from doing something creative at work.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may be enthusiastic. Your focus towards your goals may be very good. You may easily achieve your target. You are likely to go for short work-related trips, which may give you benefits in the near future. Your subordinate staff may help you complete an important project. Disputes between siblings may be raised.

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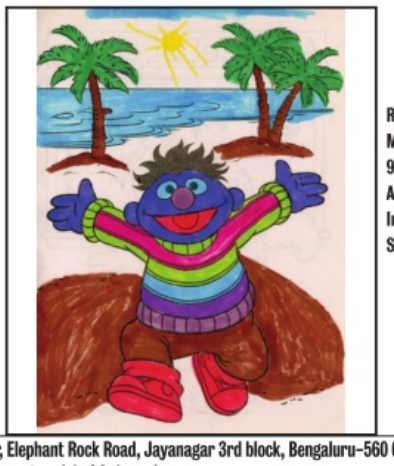

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SOLVE IN 1M
Each carton holds 6 eggs
Half a dozen cartons will hold 36 eggs
Half a crate holds half a dozen cartons = 36 eggs
The truck delivered a crate and a half = 3 half crates
1 half crate holds 36 eggs; 3 half crates hold 3 x 36 = 108 eggs

RIDDLER
Michael Clarke

FAST FIVE

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BULL'S EYE
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STRIKE OUT

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5	1	9	8	7	2	6	4	3
4	2	3	6	1	9	5	8	7
7	8	6	3	4	5	9	1	2

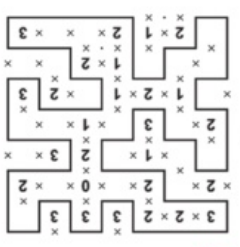
MENSA PUZZLE
987. This group of numbers shows every other number in the Fibonacci series. In this series, each number is the sum of the two preceding numbers. 6/8

QUOTE UNCODE
I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear. – Martin Luther King Jr

ALPHA TRIANGLE
D, DE, Red, Deer, Elder, Relayed.

GO FIGURE
Easy
3 + 5 – 7 + 9 = 10
Medium
4 + 5 / 3 + 7 = 10
Hard
3 + 4 + 6 – 4 = 9

LOOP



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